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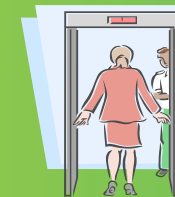
## July 4<sup>th</sup> Safety Tips



### Safety Tip of the Week



#### Walk UP

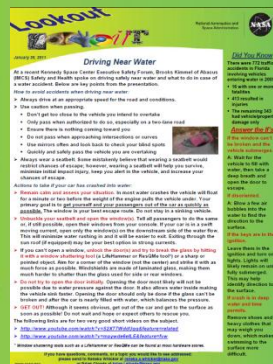


#### Ride DOWN

In an effort to reduce mishaps due to slips, trips and falls, employees are encouraged to walk up stairs and ride down elevators. This reduces the chance of misstepping, tripping or falling down stairs, especially employees who wear higher heeled shoes.

#### Catch UP

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As we gear up for another Fourth of July holiday, here are a few easy safety tips to remember.

### Fireworks



- Never place any part of your body directly over a firework device when lighting the fuse. Back away to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- Don't buy fireworks that are packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and could pose a danger to the average consumer.

- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that did not ignite fully.
- Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- As of June 22, **Brevard, Volusia, and Osceola** counties have **banned** the use of fireworks due to the risk of wildfires. Be sure to check with local authorities before purchasing and using fireworks.

### Grilling

- Place your grill at least 10 feet away from other objects, including the house and any shrubs or bushes, before using.
- Only use starter fluid made for barbecue grills when starting a fire in a charcoal grill.
- Check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line to be sure it is not leaking before using a gas grill.
- Never use a match to check for leaks. Immediately turn off the gas if you detect a leak. Do not attempt to light the grill until the leak is fixed.
- Never operate a barbecue grill inside your home or garage. This is both a fire and carbon monoxide poisoning hazard.



### Traveling



Statistics gathered from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration throughout the past 25 years show that, on average, nearly half of all deadly traffic crashes during the July 4th holiday involved some level of alcohol. In fact, **410** people were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes nationally during the Fourth of July weekend in 2009. Of those crashes, **40 percent** involved drivers with a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher.

- Avoid Driving Under the Influence (DUI) by planning ahead. Plan to have a designated driver. If you find yourself impaired, but do not want to leave your vehicle, call to have your vehicle towed to your home.
- Don't rush; take your time. An analysis by the [Insurance Institute for Highway Safety](http://www.iihs.org) has found that July 4 has been the deadliest day on the road because of increased traffic and alcohol use.



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